(b) whether it is a fact that Officers on Special Duty have been sent to foreign countries to meet with companies and attract them to India;

(c) whether such offices have requested gaint multinationals like Philip Morris to invest in India;

(d) the number of new jobs that will be created by Philip Morris in India within the next five years; and

(e) if so, the details of such proposals and the keenness of Government to attract them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The main functions of Foreign Investment Promotion Board *inter-alia* include expeditious clearance of FDI proposals, periodic review of approved projects, review of general and sectoral policy issues and investment promotion activities. The Ministry of Industry holds "Destination India" events abroad to promote FDI in the country. The event addresses prospective investors in general without company specific focus.

(d) and (e) Government has received a proposal from M/s. FTR Holdings, a subsidiary of Philip Morris for setting up a 100% subsidiary with an investment of Rs. 320 crore to set up international standard tobacco research and technical services centre, agro based infrastructure, to sell cut tobacco products in bulk to licensed manufacturers of cigarettes and provide marketing advertising and distribution support to licensed manufacturers of cigarettes, bulk processing in the tobacco growing regions of Southern India etc. As per application of the company, the project will generate direct employment opportunities to 250 personnel.

The proposal will be considered by the Government as per existing policy and based on the recommendations of the concerned Administrative Ministries.

*? **भवन निर्माण को उद्योग का दर्जा दिया जाना***

2072. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि बिल्डर्स एसोसिएशन आफ इंडिया ने भवन निर्माण को उद्योग का दर्जा देने की सिफारिश की हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच हैं कि कंस्ट्रक्शन इंडस्ट्रीज डेवलपमेंट कांउसिल ने यह भी सिफारिश की हैं कि 10 करोड़ रूपये से अधिक की मकान निर्माण परियोजनाओं को सी.आई.डी.सी. के पास पंजीकृत करवाया जाना चाहिए और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस पर विचार किया है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : (क) भवन निर्माण को उद्योग का दर्जा देने के बारे में बिल्डर्स एसोसिएशन आफ इंडिया से कोई अभ्यावेदन/प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ हैं।

(ख) और (ग) हमें 10 करोड़ रूपये से अधिक मकान निर्माण परियोजना के बारे में कंस्ट्रक्शन इंडस्ट्रीज डेवलपमेंट काउंसिल से ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ हैं जिसके लिए सी.आई.डी.सी. में पजीकरण आवश्यक है।

Allocation of funds for the North Eastern States

2073. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allotted in the Ninth Five Year Plan for the North-Eastern States for development of Industries on State-wise basis;

(b) the measures being contemplated by Government for revitalisation of the State Industrial Corporation in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) whether Government have given one-time financial measure to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) For the Central Sector, the allocation of